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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**UNITED AFRICAN-ASIAN
ABILITIES CLUB, ON BEHALF
OF ITSELF AND ITS
MEMBERS; JAMES LEE, An
Individual**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**VEER PARTNERS MANOR,
LLC; AND DOES 1 THROUGH
10, Inclusive**

Defendants.

Case No:

COMPLAINT

**DISCRIMINATORY
PRACTICES**

**[US Fair Housing Act of 1988 [42
U.S.C. §§ 3600 et seq, §3604(c),
§3604(f)(1-3), et seq.; CA
Government Code 12925, 12927,
12955; CA Civil Code §§ 51, 52,
54.3**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiffs make the following allegations in this civil rights action:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The federal jurisdiction of this action is based on the 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601, 3604 et. seq. - the U.S. Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988 (Defendants' apartment property consist of four (4) or more residential units), and 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et. seq., the federal Americans With Disabilities Act. Venue is proper in this United States District Court for the Central District of California pursuant to 28

1 U.S.C. § 1391(b), because a substantial part of Plaintiffs' claims arose within said
2 Judicial District.

3 **SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION**

4 3. This United States District Court for the Central District of California has
5 supplemental jurisdiction over the California state claims as alleged in this
6 Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

7 **NAMED DEFENDANTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFFS**

8 4. The term Plaintiffs as used herein specifically include the corporate Plaintiff
9 entity known as the United African-Asian Abilities Club, On Behalf Of Itself And Its
10 Members (hereinafter referred to as "Club" or "UAAAC"); and the individual
11 Plaintiff JAMES LEE (hereinafter referred to as "LEE" or the "named Individual
12 Plaintiff". The Plaintiff Club and Plaintiff LEE are sometimes collectively referred
13 to as the "named Plaintiffs" or "Plaintiffs".

14 5. Plaintiff United African-Asian Abilities Club (UAAAC) is registered and in
15 good standing as a Nevada corporation. The named individual Plaintiff LEE is a
16 member of the Plaintiff Club organization.

17 6. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that named Defendant VEER
18 PARTNERS MANOR, LLC is the operator of the apartment rental business known
19 as Melinda Manor Apartments located at 12015 Kling Street Valley Village, CA
20 91607. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendant VEER
21 PARTNERS MANOR, LLC, is the owner, operator, and/or lessor of the real
22 property located at 12015 Kling Street Valley Village, CA 91607 (hereinafter
23 referred to as the "Property").

24 7. Defendant VEER PARTNERS MANOR, LLC, is, and at all times mentioned
25 herein were, a business or corporation or franchise, organized and existing and/or
26 doing business under the laws of the State of California. Defendants Does 1 through
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1 10, were at all times relevant herein subsidiaries, employers, employees, and/or
2 agents of the named Defendants.

3 **CONCISE SET OF FACTS**

4 8. The named Individual Plaintiff Lee has hip and knee conditions, uses a device
5 for mobility, is unable to walk any distance, and also has a vision disability. Plaintiff
6 Lee is also a member of the Plaintiff Club. The individual Plaintiff Lee had specific
7 dates wherein he intended to go the Defendant's Property to access Defendants'
8 rental services. Plaintiff Lee has actual knowledge of the overt and obvious physical
9 and communication barriers at Defendants' Property. Plaintiff Lee determined that
10 the open and obvious physical barriers that exist at Defendants' Property directly
11 related to his disabilities, and that it would be impossible or extremely difficult for
12 him to physically access Defendants' on-site rental services. See ¶¶ 25. Plaintiff
13 Lee had knowledge of access barriers at the Property and determined that it would be
14 futile gesture for him to go to the Property on the date that he had intended. The
15 named Individual Plaintiff Lee was deterred by his actual knowledge of the physical
16 and communication barriers that exist at Defendants' Property and also Defendants'
17 website communication barriers. As used herein, website means any internet website
18 where Defendants control the content. Exhibit B states the websites controlled by
19 Defendants. Plaintiff Lee also attempted to access Defendants' rental services on
20 Defendants websites but experienced great difficulty due to Defendants' failure to
21 provide accessible website features.

22 9. The named Individual Plaintiff Lee attempted to use Defendants' website to
23 access Defendants' online rental services, but had great difficulty due to his
24 disabilities. The named Individual Plaintiff Lee also could not determine from
25 Defendants' website content whether Defendants' rental services at the property or
26 off the property, and common areas at the property were physically accessible to
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1 him. The named Individual Plaintiff Lee requested that Plaintiff Club assist him to
2 obtain information regarding the physical accessibility of Defendants' rental services
3 at the property and off-site. In response to the named Individual Plaintiff's request,
4 Plaintiff Club sent one of its members to Defendants' property. The named
5 Individual Plaintiff personally reviewed all the information and photographs of
6 Defendants' property. As a result, the named Individual Plaintiff has actual
7 knowledge of the overt and obvious physical and communication barriers to
8 Defendants rental service at Defendants' Property. The named Individual Plaintiff
9 determined that the open and obvious physical barriers that exist at Defendants'
10 Property directly related to his disabilities, and that it would be impossible or
11 extremely difficult for him to physically access Defendants' on-site rental services.
12 See ¶¶ 25. The named Individual Plaintiff Lee had actual knowledge and determined
13 that it would be futile gesture for him to go to the Property on the date that he had
14 intended. The named Individual Plaintiff was deterred by his actual knowledge of
15 the physical and communication barriers that exist at Defendants' Property and
16 website. The named Individual Plaintiff made a written request to Defendants' for
17 an accommodation to have equal access to Defendants' rental services and to
18 eliminate the communication and physical barriers to Defendants' rental services,
19 both online and at the property. At the end of this action, the named Individual
20 Plaintiff Lee intends to return to Defendants' website and Defendants' property to
21 obtain rental information and verify that the communication and physical barriers to
22 Defendants' rental services are removed.

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24 10. The named Plaintiff Club is an organization that advocates on the behalf of its
25 members with disabilities when their civil rights and liberties have been violated.
26 Plaintiff Club and Plaintiff Lee investigated Defendants' websites and apartment
27 Property in April, 2024. The named Plaintiffs investigated Defendants apartment
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1 property and Defendants websites. Plaintiff Club member Sharon Riguer
2 investigated the Property on the Internet websites. Additional Plaintiff Club
3 members investigated Defendants websites and found that they did not provide equal
4 access. The results of the research from Club Member Sharon Riguer are contained
5 in the Exhibit B to this Complaint. Club members ascertained that Defendants'
6 rental services at Defendants Property were not physically accessible to Plaintiff Lee
7 by a Club member with a disability who went to Defendants' apartment Property,
8 and said Club member attempted to access Defendants' on-site rental services.

9 11. Plaintiff Club diverted its time and resources from its normal purposes
10 because of Defendants' service, policy, program and physical barriers to Defendants
11 rental services at Defendants' websites and Property. Club personnel conducted
12 detailed Internet searches to determine if Defendants provide large print, deaf
13 interpreter, therapy animal, the required reasonable accommodation policy, and
14 required reasonable modification policy. Further, the Club retained contractors to
15 investigate said policies, to survey the property, to photograph the property, to
16 investigate when the Property was constructed, to investigate the Property ownership
17 and to have an access report prepared. Plaintiff Club also diverted staff to
18 investigate Defendants' Internet presence to determine compliance with the FHA and
19 ADA. Plaintiff Club also investigated Defendants' written rental materials such as
20 brochures, rental applications and leases. Moreover, Plaintiff Club made an oral
21 investigation to ascertain Defendants' companion animal, deaf interpreter and
22 reasonable accommodation and reasonable modification policies. Plaintiff Club also
23 caused a physical access consultant to be retained to survey Defendants' facility.
24 Plaintiff Club's findings regarding Defendants' rental services and facilities were
25 incorporated into an Access Report. The Access Report also details the known overt
26 and obvious physical access violations at the Property, but it is not intended as an
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1 exhaustive list of existing violations. Due to these necessary activities to investigate,
2 Plaintiff Club's time and resources were diverted from its normal activity. Plaintiff
3 Club suffered injury and also suffered monetary damages due to the diversion of the
4 Club's resources from its normal purposes.

5 12. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants control, operate, and maintain web pages at
6 different apartment websites where Defendants offer its rental services.

7 Additionally, Defendants provide rental services located at the Property.

8 13. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' websites have a close nexus to Defendants'
9 physical site rental services because the websites refer to Defendants' rental services
10 that are offered at Defendants' property as well as elsewhere off the site. Therefore,
11 Plaintiffs allege that the websites are also places of public accommodation.

12 Defendants control the websites to the extent that Defendants can change the website
13 content to make modifications to comply with the FHA and ADA. Therefore,
14 Plaintiffs allege that Defendants can modify the content of Defendants' websites to
15 improve access for Plaintiffs and people with disabilities.

16 14. In this case, the named Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants failed to provide a
17 TTY number or the text messaging system for Plaintiffs and other people that are
18 deaf or people with speech conditions. Plaintiff Club members have a speech
19 disability. Moreover, Plaintiff Club alleges that the Defendants did not modify their
20 websites to eliminate non-readable text to allow the blind and people with low vision
21 to use the screen reader software to access the information on the website, yet they
22 also failed to use large print on their websites. See Exhibit B to this Complaint.
23 Plaintiffs assert that most popular screen reader programs are called Jobs Access
24 With Speech or "JAWS" and Apple's VoiceOver Software. Defendants actions
25 discriminate against Plaintiff Club, specifically Club members who have low vision
26 disabilities. Each of the Club members above cannot use the websites controlled by
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1 the Defendants. Modifications to Defendants' websites will not fundamentally alter
2 the rental services provided and will also not cause an undue burden to Defendants,
3 because the cost is less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

4 15. On April 4, 2024, and on a second subsequent date, Plaintiff Club attempted to
5 make a request to the Defendants for reasonable accommodation at the property. On
6 April 25, 2024, the named individual Plaintiff LEE and Plaintiff Club emailed to the
7 Defendants a written request for a reasonable accommodation. In April, 2024,
8 Plaintiff LEE and Plaintiff Club, mailed a written request for a reasonable
9 accommodation. Defendants failed to respond to both Plaintiffs requests for
10 reasonable accommodation as of the date of the filing of this Civil Complaint.

11 16. Plaintiffs are not able to access Defendants rental services due to existing
12 overt and obvious communication and physical barriers to access Defendants' rental
13 services both at its online website and at the property. Due to the overt and obvious
14 physical barriers as alleged herein below, which are required to be removed,
15 Plaintiffs requested that Defendants accommodate them to provide access to
16 Defendants' rental services.

17 17. The named Plaintiffs allege that an accommodation is also obvious when a
18 whole group of the protected persons requires it. For example, when the public
19 without disabilities are required to get up to a second level, the public would be very
20 disturbed if they were required to request steps to go up to second level. When the
21 accommodation is specific to a particular person with a disability, then that person
22 may be required to make a request, because the accommodation is not obvious.

23 18. Plaintiffs allege that they are not required to make a request for reasonable
24 accommodation and for auxiliary aids when the barriers to communication are overt
25 and obvious. However, in the present case, Plaintiffs did make such requests for
26 accommodation to eliminate overt and obvious barriers to its rental services
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1 communications. Plaintiffs allege that providing effective contact information for
2 Defendants' rental services on the internet is an obvious accommodation. The
3 general public does not need to request a contact number from the Defendant
4 apartment owner or operator when they desire to rent a place. Defendants provide the
5 contact number on their website. Therefore, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants are
6 required to provide the obvious accommodation of effective communication for
7 people that are deaf or with speech impediment on their website without a request.
8 Defendants must make their rental services accessible without the need for a prior
9 request. Furthermore, Defendants have a duty to remove architectural barriers and
10 communication barriers to their rental services without request.

11 19. Plaintiffs allege that there is disparate treatment on the internet related to the
12 amenities being offered to people without disabilities and people with disabilities.
13 All the below facts and the facts stated elsewhere herein have a disparate impact on
14 the disability community. The named Plaintiffs experienced and have knowledge of
15 the below facts that the Plaintiffs ascertained from Defendants' websites. Defendant
16 operates an apartment property. The property is located at 2015 Kling St, Valley
17 Village, CA 91607. The property was built in 1961 and has 2 stories with 24 units.
18 The rent is approximately: \$2,095. The internet provides a wealth of information
19 regarding the property. The internet advertises that the property has amenities that
20 include: controlled access, intercom, off street, Laundry Facilities, Controlled
21 Access, Pool, Gated, High Speed Internet Access, Air Conditioning, Smoke Free,
22 Intercom, Dishwasher, Disposal, Granite Countertops, Stainless Steel Appliances,
23 Oven, Range, Refrigerator, Hardwood Floors, Office, Application Fee \$30, Dogs
24 Allowed Monthly Pet Rent \$50, Pet Deposit \$500, Weight Limit 20 lb., Pet Limit 1,
25 Comments: Small Dogs Only - intercom, wall, controlled access, off street, Cats
26 Allowed Monthly Pet Rent \$25, Pet Deposit \$500, Pet Limit 1, Comments: intercom,
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1 wall, controlled access, off street, Parking Surface Lot Assigned Parking, Street
2 Assigned Parking, Utilities Included Water, Sewer, Lease Options 1 Year. The
3 property advertises on apartmentfinder.com, trulia.com, zillow.com,
4 apartmentfinder.com, zumper.com, forrent.com. It is very important to know that on
5 apartmentfinder.com, trulia.com, zillow.com, apartmentfinder.com, zumper.com,
6 forrent.com there is the equal housing opportunity logo. The plaintiff alleges that
7 there is disparate treatment on the internet related to the amenities being offered to
8 people without disabilities and people with disabilities. For example, the tow signage
9 was not installed. The accessible parking space had an access aisle, which was not
10 van accessible. The aisle did not have the “no parking” included in the access aisle.
11 The office had a high threshold. There was no International Symbol of Accessibility
12 signage. The Internet does not state the accessible amenities at all. Also, the
13 statement the “equal housing opportunity statement” is misleading. In fact, the
14 property is not completely accessible. All the above facts and the facts stated herein
15 have a disparate impact on the disability community.

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17 20. On Defendants’ websites, they allow the public without deafness and without
18 speech impairments to participate by providing them with a telephone number to
19 call. However, Plaintiff Club members that are deaf and or with speech impairments
20 are denied equal access to participate because the Defendants do not have any
21 effective communication.

22 21. Defendants provide websites for people without disabilities to benefit from the
23 rental services without going to the apartments to learn about the properties.
24 However, for people with disabilities that require the access to the facility, the
25 Defendants do not provide any information on the websites regarding if the rental
26 services located both on or off the property are accessible. Moreover, the Defendants
27 provide the telephone number for the public to call to inquire about the rental
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1 services without providing any effective alternative communications for Plaintiffs
2 and other people that are deaf or have speech impairments.

3 22. For people without disabilities, the Defendants provide all of the information
4 on their websites. For Plaintiffs with disabilities, Defendants require them to travel to
5 the Property to determine if it is accessible, then require them to request the effective
6 communication, and then thereafter to request a reasonable accommodation to the
7 overt and obvious communication barrier. Therefore, Defendants require Plaintiffs
8 and other people with disabilities to suffer a separate benefit.

9 23. Additionally, the named Plaintiffs are alleging photograph discrimination
10 related to the physical access of each of the apartments within Exhibit B to this
11 complaint. The purpose of Defendants' internet photographs is to entice perspective
12 renters to apply online or to contact the Defendants to rent a place. Defendants'
13 internet photographs only entice people without mobility disabilities. Defendants'
14 internet photographs exclude any photographs of any accessible features that would
15 aid the Plaintiffs. For example, there is no photograph of accessible parking. There
16 are no photographs of the accessible route to the rental services both on or off the
17 property. There are photographs of the accessible route to the rental services. There
18 are no photographs related to the access to get into and use the rental services. There
19 are no photographs related to the accessible route of the common area. There are no
20 photographs of the accessible units. In fact, all the photographs lead a person with a
21 mobility disability to believe that the apartments are not accessible, or that they must
22 have someone go to the properties to make sure it is accessible. However, people
23 without disabilities are not required to go to the Property to see if it is accessible.

24 24. Defendants websites and Defendants' rental services are not integrated for
25 people with disabilities as required. Plaintiffs are required to request an
26 accommodation. People without disabilities can access the websites and the rental
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1 services without any problem, but Plaintiffs and other people with disabilities are
2 required to request for separate rental services. People with mobility conditions are
3 not integrated when using the websites because they must go to the apartments to
4 determine if they are accessible, but people without disabilities need only access
5 Defendants' websites to determine they can use them. People that are blind and with
6 low vision disabilities must request help to read the website information because the
7 printed information is too small, but people without disabilities can access the
8 websites without asking for help. Plaintiffs and other people with deafness or people
9 with speech condition must ask for help calling the number on the websites, because
10 Defendants fail to provide a TTY number to contact, or Defendants fail to provide a
11 texting system. Defendants discriminated against the Plaintiffs.

12 25. Plaintiff Club member went to Defendant's apartment facilities at the Property
13 in April, 2024, and on a second subsequent date, to access the rental services. The
14 Named Individual Plaintiff has actual knowledge of Defendants' overt and obvious
15 physical barriers, that relate to this Plaintiff's disabilities, to Defendants' Property
16 on-site rental services that this Named Individual Plaintiff intended to visit in April,
17 2024, and on a second subsequent date, but this Plaintiff was deterred from accessing
18 Defendant's rental services located on the Property. Defendants provide rental
19 information, rental applications, and other rental services on-site at the Property.
20 Defendants' agents confirmed to the Plaintiffs that rental information, rental
21 applications, and other rental services were available on-site at the Property.
22 Signage at the Property specifically directs prospective tenants to the Manager in
23 Apartment 201. Defendants' rental services at the Property are not accessible.
24 Defendants' path of travel from the sidewalk to the rental services is not accessible
25 since it has excessive slopes without handrails and step changes in level along the
26 path. There is an excessive and steep slope without handrails that must be traversed
27 to access the main gated entrance door leading into the complex. There is also a step
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1 change in level that must be traversed to access the main gated entrance to the
2 complex. The main entrance door leading into the complex fails to have the required
3 smooth and uninterrupted surface at the bottom of the door. The operating hardware
4 on the main entrance door is a round knob. Defendant's callbox is located too high
5 to be accessible. There is also a step change in level that must be traversed once
6 inside the complex in order to access the common area so the complex. The second
7 gated entrance door leading into the complex fails to have the required smooth and
8 uninterrupted surface at the bottom of the door. There fails to be accessible
9 operating hardware on the second gated entrance door. Within the complex, there
10 are numerous step changes in level that must be traversed to access the Defendant's
11 rental services on the Property. Defendants do not provide the required directional
12 signage as to the designated path of travel from the sidewalk to Defendant's rental
13 services. Defendant's rental services entrance is not accessible due to a significant
14 step change in level at the rental services door threshold that is not beveled or
15 ramped. Defendant's rental services entrance door fails to have the required strike
16 edge clearance and smooth and level landing of sufficient dimensions. Additionally,
17 Defendant's rental services entry door operating hardware is a round knob. The door
18 bell at Defendant's rental services entrance door is mounted too high to be
19 accessible. The Named Individual Plaintiff has mobility disabilities and these step
20 changes in level, excessive slopes, and the other stated issues cause the path of travel
21 and the rental services entry to be not accessible. Defendants failed to provide any
22 directional signage indicating an alternate accessible path of travel to the rental
23 services. Defendants failed to provide the required fully compliant van accessible
24 disabled parking for the rental services. Defendants failed to provide a
25 dimensionally compliant van accessible disabled parking space and disabled parking
26 access aisle, the required disabled parking signage, including tow away signage, fine
27 signage, ground markings, and failed to locate said parking on a level surface and
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1 nearest the rental services. Defendants also failed to provide compliant tow away
2 signage. The Named Individual Plaintiff requires the use of a compliant van
3 accessible disabled parking space to safely exit and re-enter the vehicle.
4 Defendants' failure to provide the required compliant disabled parking, disabled
5 parking access aisle, disabled parking disability signage, access aisle, and disability
6 ground markings, such that the Named Individual Plaintiff is not able to safely park
7 at Defendants' establishment since the individual Plaintiff may be precluded from
8 exiting or re-entering the vehicle if the disabled parking and disabled parking
9 signage is not present and others park improperly. Additionally, Defendants failed to
10 provide the required accessible path of travel from the parking area to the rental
11 services since the existing path of travel has step changes in level and slopes that
12 exceed the maximum permitted. Additionally, Defendants overt and obvious
13 communication barriers were also present at the rental services in April, 2024, and
14 on a second subsequent date. Defendants failed to provide any method of text
15 communication with their rental services and failed to publish any information as to
16 how to initiate text communication contact. The Named Individual Plaintiff had
17 actual knowledge of these barriers at Defendants' Property that Plaintiff intended to
18 visit, and the Named Individual Plaintiff was deterred from accessing Defendants'
19 rental services at the Property again in April, 2024. See Property photos in Exhibit B
20 and Exhibit C.

21 26. Plaintiff Club and the named Individual Plaintiff desire to make sure that
22 Defendants' rental services at Defendants' property and Defendants' websites are
23 fully accessible to Plaintiff Club's members, the named Individual Plaintiff, and
24 other people with disabilities. Plaintiff Club, its Club members, and the named
25 Individual Plaintiff all have actual knowledge of Defendants' discriminatory
26 conditions, and they are currently deterred from attempting further access until the
27 barriers are removed. Plaintiff Club and the named Individual Plaintiff intend to
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1 return to Defendants' Property and Defendants websites at the end of this action to
 2 obtain rental services, and to verify that the communication and architectural barriers
 3 are removed. The named Plaintiffs' intent to return is genuine. In this case, Plaintiff
 4 Club has numerous members residing near Defendants Property. Plaintiff Club's
 5 members have actual knowledge of the discriminatory conditions as alleged herein
 6 when the Plaintiff Club investigated the Property and the rental services and
 7 determined that the Club members would not be able to use the rental services due to
 8 the discriminatory conditions. Therefore, Plaintiff Club members were and are
 9 deterred from visiting the properties. Plaintiff Members were not required to
 10 actually visit the properties. See *Civil Rights Education & Enforcement Center v.*
 11 *Hospitality Properties Trust*, 867 F.3d 1093 (9th Cir. 2017). However, a member of
 12 Plaintiff Club did visit and attempt to access Defendants' rental services at
 13 Defendants' property. Plaintiff Club and the individual Plaintiff have specific plans
 14 to visit at the conclusion of this case to obtain rental information and to verify the
 15 Defendants ceased its discriminatory conduct by removing communication and
 16 physical barriers to access to the rental services.
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 19 **DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS –**
 20 **FAIR HOUSING ACT CLAIMS**

21 27. FHA Standing:

22 Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere herein this
 23 complaint, Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs in violation of FHA sections §
 24 3604(f)(1- 3) and 42 § 3604(c), as further detailed below. As a result, the present
 25 named Plaintiffs suffered injury as a result of Defendants discriminatory actions, and
 26 named Plaintiffs now pray for damages, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and
 27 other relief as hereinafter stated. The Federal Fair Housing Act applies to
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Defendants' apartment complex since it has more than 4 residential units. FHA standing is substantially broader than standing under the ADA due to the critically important need of adequate availability of housing for the disabled. A potential plaintiff is not even required to have an interest in renting a particular property or dwelling to have standing. *Smith v. Pacific Properties and Development Corp*, 358 F.3d 1097, 1099 (9th Cir 2004) [Testers have standing to bring Fair Housing Act claims, *Id* 1099, 1104]. Under the Act, any person harmed by discrimination, whether or not the target of the discrimination, can sue to recover for his or her own injury. *See Trafficante v. Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.*, 409 U.S. 205, 212, 93 S.Ct. 364, 34 L.Ed.2d 415 (1972). "This is true, for example, even where no housing has actually been denied to persons protected under the Act." *San Pedro Hotel v City of Los Angeles*, 159 F.3d 470, 474-475 (9th Cir 1998). In the present case, the named Plaintiffs alleged they suffered the injury of discriminatory conduct by Defendants, and that the named Plaintiffs suffered monetary and other damages as a result. The named Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief as well as damages, both of which are available under 42 USC § 3613(c). Assuming *arguendo* in the present case, that prospective injunctive relief was not available to Plaintiffs due to mootness or otherwise, which Plaintiffs dispute; the named Plaintiffs are still permitted to recover damages under their federal FHA claims. *Harris v Itzakhi*, 183 F.3d 1043, 1050 (9th Cir 1999) [During the appeal in *Harris* case, the plaintiff therein moved Three Thousand (3000) miles away and her injunctive claims became moot. However, Plaintiff's claim for damages survived and was not affected]. In the present case, while Plaintiffs can satisfy the injunctive relief prudential standing requirements, the above Ninth Circuit *Harris* court authority makes it clear that those prudential standing requirements for injunctive relief are not applicable to Plaintiffs FHA damage claims. Hence, in the present case, Plaintiffs damage claims survive even if prospective injunctive relief is not available. The present Plaintiff Club has

organization standing separately on its own under the FHA. Additionally, under the FHA, Plaintiff Club has associational standing to assert its Club member claims since it only seeks injunctive and declaratory relief as to its Club members. Plaintiff Club and the named Individual Plaintiff have standing with respect to the following FHA claims.

CLAIM I: Discrimination In Violation of 42 § 3604(f)(1) - Failure To Have A Policy For Receiving Prospective Tenant Accommodation Requests, Failure To Train Staff, And Failure To Make The Policy Known To The Plaintiffs

28. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere herein this complaint, the named Plaintiffs suffered discrimination by Defendants in violation of this FHA section. This FHA statute states it is unlawful to discriminate in the sale or rental, or to otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any buyer or renter because of a handicap of (A) that buyer or renter; (B) a person residing in or intending to reside in that dwelling after it is so sold, rented, or made available; or... §3604(f)(1) [emphasis added]. See *Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs v Inclusive Communities Project*, 135 S.Ct. 2507, 2519 (2015) [FHA statutory scheme permits disparate impact claims, and those type of claims do not require intent]. due to Defendants' communication and architectural barriers, Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs by failing to have a policy, practice, or method for Plaintiffs to make a reasonable accommodation request for equal access to their rental services on their website or at their Property. Defendants have an affirmative duty to have a policy, process to receive such accommodation requests and to respond to said requests. See *Giebler v. M & B Associates*, 343 F.3d 1143 (9th Cir. 2003). As a result, Defendant caused Plaintiffs to suffer disparate impact discrimination.

CLAIM II: Failure to Engage in Interactive Process In Violation Of The Fair Housing Act And California Fair Employment And Housing Act

29. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere herein this complaint, Plaintiffs suffered discrimination by Defendants in violation of FHA section § 3604(f)(1) and § 3604(f)(2). Plaintiffs contend that Defendant failed to engage in a good-faith interactive process to determine and to implement effective reasonable accommodations so that Plaintiffs could gain equal access Defendants' rental services, to apply for a lease, or to allow Plaintiffs to access Defendants' rental services both on or off the property and apartments.

CLAIM III: Discrimination In Violation of 42 § 3604(f)(2)

30. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere herein this complaint, the named Plaintiffs suffered discrimination by Defendants in violation of this FHA section § 3604(f)(2). This FHA section states "it shall be unlawful to discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with such dwelling". Plaintiffs more specific factual basis for this claim is set forth above at ¶¶ 23-26 above. As previously stated, the named Individual Plaintiff was a prospective renter and Plaintiff Club was also seeking rental housing on behalf of the named Individual Plaintiff ¶¶ 8 – 26 above. In the instant case, Defendant's rental services located on the Property or off-site are "services" in connection with the rental of a dwelling and the on-site or off-site rental services provided fall within the FHA statute. In the instant case, the named Plaintiffs both assert that Defendant's failure to remove communication and architectural barriers to permit access to Defendant's on-site rental services contained is a separate, independent, actionable violation of this FHA section § 3604(f)(2), even without reference to the ADA as a predicate. Plaintiffs have alleged that Defendants' Property has overt and obvious

1 physical barriers to access its rental services provided at the property. See ¶¶25 -26.
2 The 9th Circuit *Smith* court stated that the mere observation of overt architectural
3 barriers is actionable. *Smith* at 1104 [“To read an additional standing requirement
4 into the statute beyond mere observation, however, ignores that many overtly
5 discriminatory conditions, for example, lack of a ramped entryway, prohibit a
6 disabled individual from forming the requisite intent or actual interest in renting or
7 buying *for the very reason* that architectural barriers prevent them from viewing the
8 whole property in the first instance” (emphasis in original)]. The *Smith* court found
9 Defendants liable under this FHA subsection even though that case did not involve
10 ADA Title III claims. However, Plaintiffs did not just allege that Plaintiff Club
11 observed Defendant’s overt architectural barriers, but Plaintiffs alleged that a
12 Plaintiff Club member experienced the barriers, that the named Individual Plaintiff
13 had actual knowledge of Defendants’ communication and architectural barriers and
14 Plaintiff LEE was deterred from obtaining equal access to Defendant’s rental
15 services located thereon. Defendants also discriminated against Plaintiffs by failing
16 to modify its practices and policies to provide access via other methods of access to
17 its rental services located on or off the property site. Defendant’s failure to remove
18 the architectural and communication barriers to access its facilities and the rental
19 services located thereon, or failure to provide an accommodation to provide methods
20 of alternate access to their rental services, constitutes the prohibited discrimination,
21 separately and independently. Additionally, Defendant’s conduct is also prohibited
22 under ADA Title III and constitutes a second, separate, independent source of
23 discrimination against Plaintiffs in violation of FHA § 3604(f)(2). Since Defendants
24 discriminatory conduct involves Defendants’ rental facilities and its rental services
25 located therein, Plaintiffs assert any discriminatory conduct found in violation of
26 ADA Title III also constitutes prohibited “discrimination” under FHA § 3604(f)(2).
27 CLAIM IV: Discrimination In Violation of 42 § 3604(f)(3)(A and B only)
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31. Plaintiffs do not make any claim against Defendants for a failure to “design and construct” pursuant to § 3604(f)(3)(C). Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere herein this complaint, Plaintiffs suffered discrimination by Defendants in violation of FHA sections § 3604(f)(3)(A, B) only. The FHA requires that “....[f]or the purposes of this subsection, discrimination includes-- (B) a refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford such person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling...” 42 § 3604(f)(3)(B). See also *Giebler v. M & B Associates*, 343 F.3d 1143 (9th Cir 2003). Defendants improperly refused Plaintiffs’ repeated written and other requests for an accommodation to have equal access to its rental services.

CLAIM V: Discrimination In Violation of 42 § 3604(c) As To NSA

32. Based on information, belief, and the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 – 26 above and elsewhere herein, Plaintiffs herein alleges that Defendants caused Plaintiffs to suffer the injury of discrimination since Defendants violated 42 U.S.C. §§ 3604 (c) with respect to its notices, statements, and advertisements (“NSA”). Plaintiffs allege that Defendants discriminated against them when Defendants made, printed, or published, or caused to be made printed, or published notices, statements, or advertisements (“NSA”) that suggest to an ordinary reader a preference to attract tenants without disabilities. Defendants' Internet advertising regarding its rental services has an unlawful disparate impact on Plaintiffs.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION : Violation of California Fair Housing Act

33. Failure to Provide Obvious Reasonable Accommodation and Modification:
Based on information, belief and the facts stated above at ¶¶ 8 – 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants refused to make

reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services in violation of CA Government Code sections 12927 and 12955.2, when these accommodations may be necessary to afford a disabled person equal opportunity to use and enjoy Defendants' rental services. As stated in detail above, Defendants refused to make reasonable accommodations with the instant Plaintiffs and discriminated against each of them on the basis of disability.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS- Claims Under The Americans With Disabilities Act Of 1990

34. ADA Standing:

ADA Title III does cover public and common use areas at housing developments when these public areas are, by their nature, open to the general public. An office providing rental services is open to the general public. (See U.S. Department of Justice - ADA Title III Technical Assistance Section III-1.2000, Illustration 3, office on or off the site covered). The parking and paths of travel to the office on or off the site are also covered. *See* Section III-1.2000, ADA Title III Technical Assistance Manual, <http://www.ada.gov/taman3.html> ("ILLUSTRATION 3: A private residential apartment complex contains a office on or off the site. The office on or off the site is a place of public accommodation"). *See Kalani v Castle Village, LLC*, 14 F.Supp.3d 1359, 1371 (*E.D.Cal*, 2014)[citing *Johnson v. Laura Dawn Apartments, LLC*, 2012 WL 33040 at *1 n. 1 (*E.D.Cal*.2012) (Hollows, M.J.) ("[t]he leasing office of an apartment is a place of public accommodation.]. In the present case, the named Plaintiffs have also sufficiently alleged that Defendants provide rental services at the property. Following prior sister Circuit Courts of Appeals decisions, our Ninth Circuit Court very recently held that an ADA Plaintiff can be only a "tester" and have standing. *See Civil Rights Education & Enforcement Center v. Hospitality Properties Trust*, 867 F.3d 1093 (9th Cir. 2017) [the Ninth

Circuit *CREEC* court held (1) ADA “tester” standing is valid and a Plaintiff’s motivation for visit is “irrelevant”, and (2) an ADA “deterrent effect doctrine” claim does not require a Plaintiff to have a personal encounter with the barrier to equal access, only to have knowledge of the barrier] citing *Havens Realty Corp. v. Coleman*, 455 U.S. 363, 372–74, 102 S.Ct. 1114 (1982); *Smith v. Pacific Properties and Development Corp*, 358 F.3d 1097, 1102-1104 (9th Cir 2004); *Chapman v. Pier 1 Imports (U.S.) Inc.*, 631 F.3d 939 (9th Cir 2011, en banc); *Houston v. Marod Supermarkets, Inc.*, 733 F.3d 1323, 1335–37 (11th Cir. 2013); *Colo. Cross Disability Coal. v. Abercrombie & Fitch Co.*, 765 F.3d 1205, 1210–11 (10th Cir. 2014). In the present case, the named Plaintiffs each have ADA standing. Plaintiffs have alleged that Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs in violation of ADA Title III statutes and regulations as detailed further in the ADA claims stated below. As a result, the named Plaintiffs have each suffered injury and each seek only injunctive and declaratory relief pursuant to their ADA Claims.

CLAIM I: Auxiliary Aids – Failure To Effectively Communicate

35. 42 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(iii) states, "a failure to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services, unless the entity can demonstrate that taking such steps would fundamentally alter the nature of the good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation being offered or would result in an undue burden;..." Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants violated said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most specifically at ¶¶ 13 -14, 16-24 above. The ADA “applies to the services of a place of public accommodation, not services *in* a place of public accommodation. To limit

1 the ADA to discrimination in the provision of services occurring on the premises of a
2 public accommodation would contradict the plain language of the statute.” Nat’l
3 Fed’n of the Blind v. Target Corp., 452 F. Supp. 2d 946, 953 (N.D. Cal. 2006)
4 (emphasis added) (citing *Weyer v. Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.*, 198 F.3d
5 1104, 1115 (9th Cir. 2000) [holding that “whatever goods or services the place
6 provides, it cannot discriminate on the basis of disability in providing enjoyment of
7 those goods and services”]). An ADA plaintiff may challenge a business’ online
8 offerings as well. So long as there is a “nexus”—that is, “some connection between
9 the good or service complained of and an actual physical place”—a plaintiff may
10 challenge the digital offerings of an otherwise physical business. *See Gorecki v.*
11 *Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, 2017 WL 2957736, at *4 (C.D. Cal. June 15, 2017) [Case:
12 CV 17–1131–JFW (SKx)]. The ADA requires the Defendants to provide effective
13 communication to the instant Plaintiffs and to people with disabilities. In the
14 present case, Plaintiffs experienced and have knowledge that Defendants failed to
15 have a required procedure to provide effective communication. Plaintiffs allege that
16 Defendants failed to train their staff on the way to use the auxiliary aids. Defendants
17 did not provide any auxiliary aid and the Defendants did not provide any reasonable
18 accommodation to the overt and obvious communication barriers, and failed to
19 respond to Plaintiffs’ requests for accommodation. Plaintiffs are not demanding that
20 Defendants provide a specific reasonable accommodation or a specific auxiliary aid.
21 ADA law allows the Defendants to decide what auxiliary aid and reasonable
22 accommodation will be provided. In this case, however, Defendants failed to
23 provide any reasonable accommodation for the overt and obvious communication
24 barriers to equal access to their rental services, failed to provide any auxiliary aid,
25 and failed to provide any effective communication. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants’
26 websites provide a contact number for the general public, but Defendants failed to
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1 provide Plaintiffs with the required effective communication using texting or other
 2 alternate means of communication for Plaintiffs and other people with a deaf
 3 condition or a speech condition. Defendants' conduct discriminates against Plaintiff
 4 Club's members that have hearing disabilities and Club's members with speech
 5 disabilities. Defendants are required to provide, on Defendants' websites, to provide
 6 a method to effectively communicate with Plaintiff Club members that have hearing
 7 and speech disabilities, and other people that are deaf or have speech impairments.

8 **CLAIM II: Denial of Participation**

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 10 36. 42 United States Code 12182(b)(1)(A)(i) states, "It shall be discriminatory to
 11 subject an individual or class of individuals on the basis of a disability or disabilities
 12 of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other
 13 arrangements, to a denial of the opportunity of the individual or class to participate in
 14 or benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or
 15 accommodations of an entity." Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and
 16 elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that
 17 Defendants violated said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim
 18 most specifically at ¶¶ 20-24 above. Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs in
 19 violation of 42 United States Code 12182(b)(1)(A)(i) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188.

20 **CLAIM III: Participation in Unequal Benefit**

21 37. Defendants provide unequal benefit for people with disabilities in violation of
 22 42 United States Code 12182(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188. Based on the facts
 23 plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed,
 24 believe, and thereon allege that Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs in
 25 violation of said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most
 26 specifically at ¶¶ 20-24 above.

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1 CLAIM IV: **Separate Benefit**

2 38. Defendants' photographs discriminate against Plaintiffs in violation of 42
 3 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(A)(iii) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188. Based on the facts
 4 plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed,
 5 believe, and thereon allege that Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs in
 6 violation of said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most
 7 specifically at ¶¶ 20-24 above.

8 CLAIM V: **Integrated Settings**

9 39. Defendants' rental services are not integrated for Plaintiffs and people with
 10 disabilities in violation of 42 United States Code 12182(b)(1)(B) and 42 U.S.C. §
 11 12188. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint,
 12 Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants discriminated
 13 against Plaintiffs in violation of said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis
 14 for this claim most specifically at ¶¶ 20-24 above.

15 CLAIM VI: **Failure To Modify Practices, Policies And Procedures**

16 40. Defendants failed and refused to provide a reasonable alternative by
 17 modifying its practices, policies, and procedures in that they failed to have a scheme,
 18 plan, or design to accommodate Plaintiff Club, its Club members, the individual
 19 named Plaintiff, and/or others similarly situated in utilizing Defendants' rental
 20 services, at its websites and at the Property, in violation of 42 United States Code
 21 12182(b)(2)(A)(ii) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26
 22 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon
 23 allege that Defendants discriminated against Plaintiffs in violation of said provision.
 24 Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most specifically at ¶¶ 18-26 above.

25 CLAIM VII: **Failure To Remove Architectural And Communication Barriers**

26 41. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants failed to remove architectural barrier and
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1 communication barriers as required in violation of 42 United States Code
2 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 U.S.C. § 12182. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26
3 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon
4 allege that Defendants discriminated against the named Individual Plaintiff in
5 violation of said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most
6 specifically at ¶¶ 8,9,20-24,25,26 above. The named Individual Plaintiff personally
7 reviewed all the information and photographs of Defendants' property. As a result,
8 the named Individual Plaintiff has actual knowledge of the physical and
9 communication barriers that exist at Defendants' Property. The named Individual
10 Plaintiff determined that the physical barriers that exist at Defendants' property,
11 directly relate to his disabilities, and make it impossible or extremely difficult for
12 him to physically access Defendants' rental services at the Property. The named
13 Individual Plaintiff was deterred by his actual knowledge of the physical and
14 communication barriers that exist at Defendants' Property which include but are not
15 limited to the barriers to facilities and services for disabled parking, exterior path of
16 travel to the rental services at the property, entrance and interior, since said
17 Defendants' facilities and rental services were not accessible because they failed to
18 comply with the Federal ADA Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") and California's
19 Title 24 Building Code Requirements. See ¶¶ 25 for details. The named Individual
20 Plaintiff had actual knowledge of these barriers and determined that it would be
21 futile gesture for him to go to the Property on the date that he had originally
22 intended. The named Individual Plaintiff is currently deterred from returning due to
23 his knowledge of the barriers. At the end of this action, the named Individual
24 Plaintiff intends to return to Defendants' property or off the site location to obtain
25 rental information and verify that the communication and physical barriers to
26 Defendants' rental services are removed. Defendants failure to remove the barriers
27 to equal access constitutes discrimination against the named Individual Plaintiff.
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1 CLAIM VIII: **Failure To Make Alterations Readily Accessible And Usable**

2 42. Defendants are required to make alterations to their facilities in such a manner
 3 that, to the maximum extent feasible, the altered portions of the facility are readily
 4 accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals who
 5 use devices pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12183(a)(2). Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 -
 6 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, the named Plaintiffs are informed, believe,
 7 and thereon allege that Defendants violated this provision. Plaintiffs allege that
 8 Defendants altered their facility in a manner that affects or could affect the usability
 9 of the facility or a part of the facility after January 26, 1992. In performing the
 10 alteration, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants failed to make the alteration in such a
 11 manner that, to the maximum extent feasible, the altered portions of the facility are
 12 readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including individuals
 13 who use devices, in violation of 42 U.S.C. §12183(a)(2).

14 CLAIM IX: **Administrative Methods**

15 43. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants contract
 16 with website providers without making sure that the websites will be accessible to
 17 people with disabilities in violation of 42 United States Code 12182(b)(1)(B) and 42
 18 U.S.C. § 12188. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this
 19 complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants
 20 discriminated against the named Individual Plaintiff in violation of said provision.
 21 Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most specifically at ¶¶18-26 above.

22 CLAIM X: **Screen Out**

23 44. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants screened
 24 out Plaintiffs and other people with disabilities in violation of 42 United States Code
 25 12182(b)(2)(A)(i) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26
 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon
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1 allege that Defendants discriminated against the named Plaintiffs in violation of said
 2 provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most specifically at ¶¶ 8
 3 - 26 above. Defendants screened out the named Plaintiffs from its rental services and
 4 processes, because Defendants failed to remove architectural and communication
 5 barriers to its website and property, failed to provide required effective alternate
 6 communication methods, and failed to provide required auxiliary aids.

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 8 **CLAIM XI: Denial Of Full And Equal Access**

9 45. Defendants are required to provide full and equal access to Defendants' rental
 10 services, goods, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations pursuant to 42
 11 United States Code 12182(b) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶
 12 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and
 13 thereon allege that Defendants discriminated against the named Plaintiffs in violation
 14 of said provision. Plaintiffs set forth the factual basis for this claim most specifically
 15 at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above.

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 17 **CLAIM XII: Failure To Investigate And Maintain Accessible Features**

18 46. Defendants made repairs and administrative changes which violated ADA and
 19 its regulations. See ADA Title III Regulations Sec.36.211 Maintenance of accessible
 20 features. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint,
 21 Defendants failed to provide and then maintain any accessible features in its parking,
 22 path of travel, on or off the property site for rental services and website rental
 23 services. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants
 24 discriminated against the named Plaintiffs in violation of this provision.

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1 CLAIM XIII: **Association**

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3 47. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint,
4 Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereon allege that Defendants discriminated
5 against the named Plaintiffs in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(1)(E)

6 **DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

7 FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: ONLY THE INDIVIDUALL NAMED
8 PLAINTIFF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS - **CLAIMS UNDER CALIFORNIA**
9 **ACCESSIBILITY LAWS**

10 CLAIM I: **Denial Of Full And Equal Access**

11 48. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, the
12 named Individual Plaintiff was denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods.
13 services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations within a public
14 accommodation owned, leased, and/or operated by Defendants as required by Civil
15 Code Sections 54, 54.1, and specifically 54.1(d). The factual basis for this claim is at
16 18-28 above.

17 CLAIM II: **Failure To Modify Practices, Policies And Procedures**

18 49. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint,
19 the named Individual Plaintiff was denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods.
20 Defendants failed and refused to provide a reasonable alternative by modifying its
21 practices, policies, and procedures in that they failed to have a scheme, plan, or
22 design to assist Plaintiff Members and/or others similarly situated in entering and
23 utilizing Defendants' services as required by Civil Code § 54.1. The factual basis for
24 this claim is at 18-28 above.

25 CLAIM III: **Violation Of The Unruh Act**

26 50. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint,
27 the individual, the named Individual Plaintiff was denied full and equal access to
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Defendants' goods. Defendants violated the CA Civil Code § 51 by specifically failing to comply with Civil Code §51(f). Defendants' facility violated state disability laws, the ANSI Standards, A117, and California's Title 24 Accessible Building Code by failing to provide equal access to Defendants' facilities. Defendants did and continue to discriminate against Plaintiff Members in violation of Civil Code §§ 51(f), and 52. The factual basis for this claim is at 18-28 above.

Treble Damages Pursuant To California Accessibility Laws

51. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 8 - 26 above and elsewhere in this complaint, only the named Individual Plaintiff prays for an award of treble damages against Defendants, and each of them, pursuant to California Civil Code sections 52(a) and 54.3(a). Defendants, each of them respectively, at times prior to and including the day the named Individual Plaintiff attempted patronized Defendants' facilities and rental services, and continuing to the present time, knew that persons with physical disabilities were denied their rights of equal access. Despite such knowledge, Defendants, and each of them, failed and refused to take steps to comply with the applicable access statutes; and despite knowledge of the resulting problems and denial of civil rights thereby suffered by the named Individual Plaintiff. Defendants, and each of them, have failed and refused to take action to grant full and equal access to the individual Plaintiff in the respects complained of hereinabove. Defendants, and each of them, have carried out a course of conduct of refusing to respond to, or correct complaints about, denial of disabled access and have refused to comply with their legal obligations to make Defendants' public accommodation facilities and rental services accessible pursuant to the ADAAG and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (also known as the California Building Code). Such actions and continuing course of conduct by Defendants in conscious disregard of the rights and/or safety of the named Individual Plaintiff justify an award of treble damages pursuant to sections 52(a) and 54.3(a) of the California Civil Code.

DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT FOR RELIEF:

A. All named Plaintiffs seeks injunctive relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3613(c) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a). Only the named Individual Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to CA Civil Code §52. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3613(c), all Plaintiffs request this court to enjoin Defendants to cease their discriminatory practices in housing rental services, rental housing management services, and for Defendants to implement written policies and methods to respond to reasonable accommodation and reasonable modification requests. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a), Plaintiffs request this Court enjoin Defendants to remove all barriers to equal access to the disabled Plaintiffs in, at, or on their facilities, including but not limited to architectural and communicative barriers in the provision of Defendants' rental services. Plaintiffs do not seek injunctive relief pursuant to Cal. Civil Code §55 and Plaintiffs do not seek attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Civil Code §55. Plaintiffs do not seek any relief at all pursuant to Cal. Civil Code §55.

B. All named Plaintiffs seek actual damages pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3613(c). However, Plaintiff Club only seeks damages for itself. Plaintiff Club does not seek damages on behalf of its members;

C. Only the named Individual Plaintiff seeks recovery of actual damages pursuant to Cal. Civil Code §§ 52 or 54.3;

D. Only the named Individual Plaintiff seeks \$4,000 in minimum statutory damages pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 52 for each and every offense of Civil Code § 51, pursuant to Munson v. Del Taco, (June 2009) 46 Cal. 4th 661;

E. In the alternative to the damages pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 52 in Paragraph C above, only the named individual Plaintiff seeks \$1,000 in minimum statutory damages pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 54.3 for each and every offense of Civil Code § 54.1;

F. All named Plaintiffs seek attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3613(c)(2), 42

1 U.S.C. § 12205, and Cal. Civil Code §§ 52, 54.3;

2 G. Only the named individual Plaintiff seeks treble damages pursuant to Cal.
3 Civil Code §§ 52(a) or 54.3(a);

4 H. The named Plaintiffs are seeking perspective injunctive relief to require the
5 Defendants to provide obvious reasonable accommodations, to provide the required
6 auxiliary aids and to modify Defendants' procedures, practices, and policies of the
7 Defendants in the provision of Defendants' rental services. Without perspective
8 relief the Plaintiffs will suffer future harm.

9 I. All named Plaintiffs seek a Jury Trial and;

10 J. For such other further relief as the court deems proper.

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12 Respectfully submitted:

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